

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

1st December 2023

Headteacher's Weekly Awards - WELL DONE TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

All the children get a special mention in the Achievement assembly on Friday and will bring home a certificate detailing the reason for their award.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Whole Class	Whole Class	Summer Mobeen	Darcy Ella-Rose	Aliza Joseph	Noah Carter	Bentley Mason	Whole Class



Free activities: Our winter Holiday Activities and Food programme is open! Providing food and activities for children and young people on benefits related Free School Meals. Apply now for your place at [#HAF2023](https://www.salford.gov.uk/HAF) [#SalfordWinterOfFun](https://www.salford.gov.uk/HAF)

Staffing update: I am writing to advise you that Mrs Boyer will be leaving North Walkden at Christmas, as she has been successful with a promotion at a bigger school, which is also closer to home for her so much less of a commute!

Mrs Boyer has been a real asset to our school over the years and has worked with and supported many families and children. I would like to wish Mrs Boyer all the very best for the future in her new position. However, we are fortunate in that we have a current member of staff who is also an experienced SENDCO.

Mrs Cosgrave, our key stage 2 lead, has been a SENDCO for over 17 years in another authority and will be taking on the role as SENDCO for the interim from January 2024 until the position is filled later in the academic year. Mrs Cosgrave has a wealth of experience and expertise in this field and has been working closely with Mrs Boyer recently to ensure a thorough handover.

Mrs Boyer will be leaving on 15th December so will be available for the next 2 weeks should you wish to discuss anything with her.

I would also like to congratulate Miss Sherratt who is also progressing in her career and moving on to a new school much nearer to home. Miss Sherratt has been supporting children, parents and staff here at North Walkden for 8 years and I am sure will be missed by many. Miss Sherratt will also leave on the 15th December and we all wish her the very best in her new venture.

Y6 Roving Reporters Bulletin

Upcoming Christmas Event, Concerts and plays

There will be a Christmas concert. This will have all years from 3-6 each performing a song during the concert. This event will take place on the 8th of December for the whole school. EYFS, Year 1 and 2 will also do be performing a play about Christmas. Also, we had an assembly about P.E rules and may be able to participate in friendly competitions against other schools

School Council: School Council and Road Safety Champions, were very excited to invite, Mr Shaw our Chair of Governors to meet with them on Thursday. They informed him of all the upcoming projects that they are planning to implement around school this academic year. Their main focus will be the outdoor environment and conservation. He was very impressed that they have already purchased new play equipment that will hold up to the

winter weather. He is also looking forward to seeing the wildflower gardens and bee highways that will be planted around school in the coming spring. Thankyou Mr Shaw, for taking the time to come and talk with us.

Christmas Events: Polite reminder – please make your contribution for the events below on The Evolve Hub as soon as possible. Many thanks

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	CLASS	CONTRIBUTION
FRIDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER	LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER ITEM IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAY		ALL CLASSES	ITEM DONATION
MONDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER	HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS TO GO ON SALE	12.00	ALL CLASSES	£1 PER TICKET £5 FOR 6 £10 FOR 12
MONDAY 4 TH DECEMBER	SUPPER WITH SANTA KEY STAGE 1	3.15 - 4.00	KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN	£2.50
FRIDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY - ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ORDER ON THE EVOLVE HUB	11-1.30	ALL CLASSES	ORDER ON EVOLVE HUB
TUESDAY 12 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON – CHILDREN CAN BRING A BLANKET AND A PILLOW TO GET COMFY	1-3.00	KEY STAGE 2	£2.00
WEDNESDAY 13 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY)	1.30- 3.00	KEY STAGE 1	£2.00
WEDNESDAY 13 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 OPERA HOUSE TRIP- JACK AND THE BEANSTALK	12-4.00	KEY STAGE 2	£20
THURSDAY 14 TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTAS PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY)	1-3.00	EYFS	£2.00

Punctuality and Attendance

Please remember school starts at **8:45am** – Doors will be open from 8.35am. Children arriving after 8.55am must enter through the school office and be signed in.

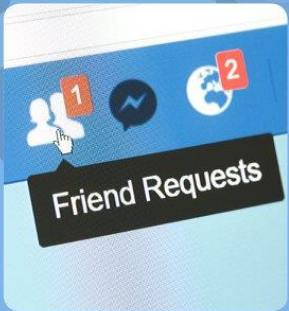
Last week's attendance – Our School target and individual pupil target is 96%

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Class attendance award	91.6	92.4	96.7	96.5	94.1	94.9	94.8	95.1	94.6
Late arrivals	2	2	1	2	4	3	2	2	18

Online Safety: We have some helpful advice below about Among Us and we will share different supportive advice each week in the newsletter.



The whole concept of social media relies upon users having friends and/or followers. 'Friends' tend to be those with whom users will share their own personal profile. It's usually a mutual relationship with both parties able to engage and interact with everything their friends post online. 'Followers' on the other hand can typically be just one-way relationships and, dependent on the platform, only provide access to certain aspects of an individual's profile, such as a person's content feed. A common trait that often exists between the two however is the desire to gather as many friends or followers as possible.



What parents need to know about SOCIAL PRESSURES LINKED TO 'FRIENDS & FOLLOWERS'



POSSIBLE 'FRIEND ENVY'

Children may compare the number of friends or followers that they have with their own online friends and people they know. In some cases, this could lead to 'friend envy', particularly if they see this as a sign of popularity. This could lead to your child showing signs of jealousy and resorting to sending friend requests to people they don't know that well, or even strangers, in a desperate bid to increase their own status online.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

Another way that children can increase their following is by leaving their accounts open so that they can be easily found, and anybody can view their posts. This is in the hope that other users will like their posts and decide to follow them, therefore increasing their numbers. Once again, this can leave your child vulnerable to being followed by strangers or people who have dishonest intentions.

FEELINGS OF REJECTION

Just like increasing friends and followers can bring a sense of happiness and satisfaction, so the loss of friends and followers can cause children to suffer feelings of sadness and rejection. Depending on how invested your child is in their social media activities, this could influence their attitude and behaviour offline and potentially have a negative impact on their mental health and wellbeing.



COLLECTING 'FAKE' FRIENDS

Children who feel under pressure to increase their friend count or want to increase their following as quickly as possible can be vulnerable to collecting 'fake' friends. They may, for example, accept friend requests from people they don't know very well or from complete strangers, inadvertently leaving themselves open to online bullies, trolls or even the possibility of being groomed.

CONSTANT NEED TO PLEASE

As children start to gain more friends or an increasing number of followers, they might start to feel an added level of pressure to provide them with more interesting and likeable content. Almost as if they now have an audience waiting, this constant need to please may be an extra burden that pushes your child into oversharing personal information or posting material that is inappropriate or offensive, inaccurately portraying what they're actually like in the offline world.

Safety Tips For Parents

BE THEIR FRIEND OR FOLLOWER

The best way to know who your child is friends with online or who follows them is to be their friend or follower yourself. This will allow you to see who your child is engaging with most online or open up discussions about how they know certain people they've added to their network who you haven't heard them speak about before or you yourself don't know.

TURN ON PRIVACY CONTROLS

All social media platforms have their own privacy controls which can be used to help protect children online. For instance, removing the ability for strangers to comment on public posts or having a screening process for friend or follow requests is good practice which can help to ensure your child's experience online is a safer one.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

If privacy measures have been put in place, then usually your child will receive a notification if somebody tries to befriend them online. Talk to your child about making sure they don't open up their personal life to people they don't know and that if they are ever in any doubt, they should never accept a friend request from a stranger.

BEHAVE ONLINE AS THEY WOULD OFFLINE

Your child's behaviour online should always be treated as an extension of their behaviour offline. Discuss with your child the pitfalls of trying to be somebody they're not and that trying to please everybody will only make them unhappy. Tell them that they should be proud of who they are and that they should always behave in an appropriate and responsible way when posting content online.

TALK TO THEM ABOUT THE VALUE OF REAL FRIENDSHIP

Social media can often distort what true relationships and friendships should actually be like. It's important to teach your child the value of true friendships and that meeting and speaking to people face to face in the real world, offline, is often a better way to build a more trusting and confident relationship with someone rather than just speaking to them online.

DISCUSS WHAT BEING POPULAR ACTUALLY IS

A higher number of followers can be a measure of popularity but can also lack substance beyond just the number itself. Discuss with your child that popularity can come and go and that a large number of followers doesn't necessarily mean a large number of friends, particularly online where the real value in a relationship cannot be accurately determined.

Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



School communication: Please ensure you are logged into your school spider app so that you receive all the important messages we send out. If you need to download the app again, its 'School Spider' and then you can simply go to the log in page and click forgot password to reset your log in details.

Contacting School: If you wish to contact school then you can email us on NorthWalkdenPrimary.PupilContact@salford.gov.uk and we will respond the same day or call 0161 921 2921.

DIARY DATES: Whilst we aim not to change dates once set sometimes circumstances mean we have to, please always check the dates each week and update your plans accordingly. Any changes will be highlighted.

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS
MONDAY 4 TH DECEMBER	EYFS NATIVITY DRESS REHEARSAL SHOW FOR SCHOOL	10.00	YEARS 1-6 TO WATCH
MONDAY 4 TH DECEMBER	SUPPER WITH SANTA KEY STAGE 1	3.15 -4.00	KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN
TUESDAY 5 TH DECEMBER	EYFS NATIVITY PLAY FOR PARENTS	9.15	EYFS PARENTS
TUESDAY 5 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR SCHOOL	10.30 APPROX	YEARS R AND KEY STAGE 2 TO WATCH
WEDNESDAY 6 TH DECEMBER	EYFS NATIVITY PLAY FOR PARENTS	9.15	EYFS PARENTS
WEDNESDAY 6 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	2.15	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS
THURSDAY 7 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 CHRISMAS SHOW FOR PARENTS	9.15	KEY STAGE 1 PARENTS
THURSDAY 7 TH DECEMBER	YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS CHURCH EXPERIENCE	1.30PM	YEAR 3 CHILDREN
FRIDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY	ALL DAY	ALL CLASSES
FRIDAY 8 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY - ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ORDER ON THE EVOLVE HUB	11-1.30	ALL CLASSES
MONDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR PARENTS - TWO SHOWINGS	9.15 & 2.30	KEY STAGE 2 PARENTS
TUESDAY 12 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 MOVIE AFTERNOON	1-3.00	KEY STAGE 2
WEDNESDAY 13 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 2 OPERA HOUSE TRIP- JACK AND THE BEANSTALK	12-4.00	KEY STAGE 2
WEDNESDAY 13 TH DECEMBER	KEY STAGE 1 PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY)	1.30-3.00	KEY STAGE 1
THURSDAY 14 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS HAMPER TICKET WINNERS DRAW		SCHOOL COUNCIL TO DRAW THE WINNERS
THURSDAY 14 TH DECEMBER	EYFS CHRISTAS PARTY AFTERNOON (PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY)	1-3.00	EYFS
FRIDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSES	2:00PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton